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# Courses of Study

## Grade XIII

## ENGLISH

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## GRADE XIII

### ENGLISH COMPOSITION

The Grades XI and XII Course continued and extended.

The principles of composition systematically studied.

Note 1.—Good composition in all written work and clear and comprehensive answers in all oral work should be demanded by every teacher. For the study of models of prose writing the volume of Short Stories and Essays will be found useful.

Note 2.—The question paper in English Composition will test the candidate's ability:

- (a) to write a short essay from a carefully selected list of topics which should require not more than an hour or an hour and a half to write;
- (b) (i) to reproduce in shorter form the substance of a given passage.

OR

- (ii) to write a short appreciation of the merits of a given paragraph of good prose;
- (c) to construct sentences and to use words correctly in one or more of the following ways.
  - (i) by explaining the meaning of phrases and longer statements in given passage.
  - (ii) by correcting sentences that are faulty in grammar or syntax and by explaining the reasons for these corrections.
  - (iii) by defining words and by showing how to use them correctly in sentences.

At least 60 per cent of the marks assigned to the whole paper will be assigned to question 1 (the essay).

### ENGLISH LITERATURE

Intelligent and appreciative study of suitable authors, both prose and poetry including those prescribed for the Grade XIII Departmental examinations.

Supplementary reading provided by the pupils themselves or supplied from Systematic oral reading by pupils of the texts studied in class.

The study of sight passages in poetry and prose.  
the school and the public library.



Memorization and recitation of choice selections in prose and poetry prescribed by the Department and of others made by the teacher.

Note 1.—At this stage the pupil should have acquired some power of appreciating literature and literary art; but the chief object continues to be the cultivation of a taste for good literature, and critical study should be subordinated thereto.

Note 2.—The prescribed Texts are given in Circular 58, printed for each school year.

Note 3.—Memorization of suitable passages is still part of the course of study, although it is not included for examination purposes.

Note 4.—The requirements in Supplementary Reading may be omitted or modified as the Principal may deem expedient.

Note 5.—Comments on the answer papers for the preceding Grade XIII examinations in English Composition and English Literature are printed in Circular H.S. 4C each autumn and are distributed to the secondary schools.